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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 9449

E.O. 10652: GDS
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1. EMBASSY TAKES REFTEL A FOR ACTION SINCE THE QUESTION OF SPANISH APPROVAL FOR CANADIAN AIR CREW MEMBERS IS NOW BEING HANDLED AT THE DIPLOMATIC LEVEL.
2. WE ASSUME THAT THE TWO CANADIAN OFFICERS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A ARE IN FACT TWO OF THE THREE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL B, AND ARE NOT ADDITIONAL TO THAT LIST OF THREE CANADIAN AIR CREW MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE ARE NOW SEEKING SPANISH CLEARANCE. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.
3. SINCE SPANISH GOVT APPROVAL NOW HINGES ON CANADIAN GOVT WILLINGNESS TO REQUEST SPANISH APPROVAL THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HERE IN MADRID AND SINCE THE CANADIAN GOVT HAS YET TO MAKE A DECISION IN THIS MATTER, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSURE FAVORABLE ACTION PRIOR TO JAN 4, 1977, BUT WILL PRESS FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION.
4. FOR EMBASSY OTTAWA: WE UNDERSTAND FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY MADRID THAT THE CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS FAVORABLY INCLINED, ALBEIT SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD IN THIS MATTER. A NUDGE FROM YOU TO FOLLOW UP ON MADRID 8897 OF 23 NOV MIGHT BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT. STABLER

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